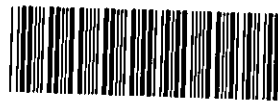


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October 20, 2006

Mr. Brian Johnson, Branch Chief
Branch of Filer Support 2, Mailstop 1-4
Securities and Exchange Commission
450 Fifth Street, N.W., Room #1004
Washington, D.C. 20549

Re: iShares Trust Original Listings:

- iShares Russell 1000 Index Fund
- iShares Russell 1000 Growth Index Fund
- iShares Russell 1000 Value Index Fund
- iShares Russell 2000 Index Fund
- iShares Russell 2000 Value Index Fund
- iShares Russell 2000 Growth Index Fund
- iShares Russell 3000 Index Fund
- iShares Russell 3000 Growth Index Fund
- iShares Russell 3000 Value Index Fund

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Dear Mr. Johnson:

Please be advised that NYSE Arca Equities, Inc. has received (on September 21, 2005) an application from the above-referenced issuer and has approved the above-referenced securities for listing on NYSE Arca, Inc. ("Exchange"). The Exchange requests acceleration of registration of this security under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by stamping the enclosed copy with the date received and returning it in the post-paid self-addressed envelope. If there are any questions, please call me at (312) 442-7832. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Craig A. Gray
Manager, Equity Qualification

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Deepa A. Damre, Principal/Counsel, Barclays Global Investors, N.A., 45 Fremont Street, San Francisco, California 94105 (w/o enclosure)

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